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Mr. UNDERWOOD (for himself, Mr. DE LUGO, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MINK, Mr. RICHARDSON, and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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Additional sponsors: Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. DE LA GARZA, Mr. BILBRAY, Mrs. VUCANOVICH, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. TEJEDA, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. FROST, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. TORRES, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. EDWARDS of California, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. AP-
PLEGATE, and Mr. SPENCE

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) June 15 through August 10, 1994, marks
6 the 50th anniversary of the Mariana campaign of
7 World War II in which American forces captured the
8 islands of Saipan and Tinian in the Northern Mari-
9 anas and liberated the United States Territory of
10 Guam from Japanese occupation;

11 (2) an attack during this campaign by the Jap-
12 anese Imperial fleet, aimed at countering the Amer-
13 ican forces that had landed on Saipan, led to the
14 battle of the Philippine Sea, which resulted in a
15 crushing defeat for the Japanese by United States
16 naval forces and the destruction of the effectiveness
17 of the Japanese carrier-based airpower;

18 (3) the recapture of Guam liberated one of the
19 few pieces of United States territory that was occu-
20 pied for two and one-half years by the enemy during
21 World War II and restored freedom to the indige-
22 nous Chamorros on Guam who suffered as a result
23 of the Japanese occupation;

1 (4) Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast
2 Guard units distinguished themselves with their he-
3 roic bravery and sacrifice;

4 (5) the Guam Insular Force Guard, the Guam
5 militia, and the people of Guam earned the highest
6 respect for their defense of the island during the
7 Japanese invasion and their resistance during the
8 occupation; their assistance to the American forces
9 as scouts for the American invasion was invaluable;
10 and their role, as members of the Guam Combat Pa-
11 trol, was instrumental in seeking out the remaining
12 Japanese forces and restoring peace to the island;

13 (6) during the occupation, the people of
14 Guam—

15 (A) were forcibly removed from their
16 homes;

17 (B) were relocated to remote sections of
18 the island;

19 (C) were required to perform forced labor
20 and faced other harsh treatment, injustices, and
21 death; and

22 (D) were placed in concentration camps
23 when the American invasion became imminent
24 and were brutalized by their occupiers when the

1 liberation of Guam became apparent to the
2 Japanese;

3 (7) the liberation of the Mariana Islands
4 marked a pivotal point in the Pacific war and led to
5 the American victories at Iwo Jima, Okinawa, the
6 Philippines, Taiwan, and the south China coast, and
7 ultimately against the Japanese home islands;

8 (8) the Mariana Islands of Guam, Saipan, and
9 Tinian provided, for the first time during the war,
10 air bases which allowed land-based American bomb-
11 ers to reach strategic targets in Japan; and

12 (9) the air offensive conducted from the Mari-
13 anas against the Japanese war-making capability
14 helped shorten the war and ultimately reduced the
15 toll of lives to secure peace in the Pacific.

16 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

17 It is the sense of Congress that—

18 (1) an appropriate commemoration of the 50th
19 anniversary of the Mariana campaign should be
20 planned by the United States in conjunction with
21 the Government of Guam and the Government of the
22 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
23 and

24 ~~(2) the Secretary of the Interior should take all~~
25 ~~necessary steps to ensure that two visitor centers,~~

1 one at the War in the Pacific National Historical
2 Park on Guam and the other at the American Me-
3 morial Park in Saipan, are completed before June
4 15, 1994, for the 50th anniversary commemoration,
5 to provide adequate historical interpretation of the
6 events described in section 1.

7 *(2) the Secretary of the Interior should take all*
8 *necessary steps to ensure that appropriate visitor fa-*
9 *cilities at War in the Pacific National Historical*
10 *Park on Guam are expeditiously developed and con-*
11 *structed; and*

12 *(3) the Secretary of the Interior should take all*
13 *necessary steps to ensure that the monument ref-*
14 *erenced in section 3(b) is completed before July 21,*
15 *1994 for the 50th anniversary commemoration, to*
16 *provide adequate historical interpretation of the*
17 *events described in section 1.*

18 **SEC. 3. WAR IN THE PACIFIC NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

19 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Sub-
20 section (k) of section 6 of the Act entitled “An Act to
21 authorize appropriations for certain insular areas of the
22 United States, and for other purposes”, approved August
23 18, 1978 (92 Stat. 493; 16 U.S.C. 410dd) is amended
24 by striking “\$500,000” and inserting “\$8,000,000”.

1 (b) DEVELOPMENT.—Section 6 is further amended
2 by adding at the end the following subsections:

3 “(l) Within the boundaries of the park, the Secretary
4 is authorized to construct a monument which shall com-
5 memorate, by individual name, those people of Guam, liv-
6 ing and dead, who suffered personal injury, forced labor,
7 forced marches, internment or death incident to enemy oc-
8 cupation of Guam between December 8, 1941, and August
9 10, 1944.

10 “(m) Within the boundaries of the park, the Sec-
11 retary is authorized to implement programs to interpret
12 experiences of the people of Guam during World War II,
13 including, but not limited to, oral histories of those people
14 of Guam who experienced the occupation.

15 “(n) Within six months after the date of enactment
16 of this subsection, the Secretary, through the Director of
17 the National Park Service, shall develop and transmit to
18 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
19 Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the
20 House of Representatives a report containing updated cost
21 estimates for the development of the park. Further, this
22 report shall contain a general plan to implement sub-
23 sections (l) and (m), including, at a minimum, cost esti-
24 mates for the design and construction of the monument
25 authorized in section (l).

1 “(o) Within six months after the date of enactment
2 of this subsection, the Secretary, through the Assistant
3 Secretary of Territorial and International Affairs, shall
4 compile and transmit to the Committee on Energy and
5 Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on
6 Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a list
7 of names to appear on the monument authorized in sub-
8 section (l).

9 “(p) The Secretary may take such steps as may be
10 necessary to preserve and protect various World War II
11 vintage weapons and fortifications which exist within the
12 boundaries of the park.”.

13 **~~SEC. 4. AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK.~~**

14 Section 5(g) of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize
15 appropriations for certain insular areas of the United
16 States, and for other purposes”, approved August 18,
17 1978 (92 Stat. 492) is amended by striking “\$3,000,000”
18 and inserting “\$8,000,000”.